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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## College Planning Workshop - Register Now!

PETOSKEY — On Thursday, March 16, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan will host a College Planning Workshop for members of the local BIGS program and the general public.

Next Step College and Career Planning will conduct the one-hour workshop specifically designed to help families understand and plan for college. The workshop is appropriate for parents with children from Grade School to High School.

#### *Workshop Topics Include:*

- What do Colleges Want
- Grades and Test Scores
- Maximizing Free Money
- Financial Aid Options and Myths
- Choosing the Right School

This event is taking place at North Central Michigan College (NCMC)\* Library Conference Rooms 1 &2, beginning at 6:30pm. Limited Seating. RSVP to Next Step College Planning at (231)714-5001.

This event is the result of a grant provided Big Brothers Big Sisters by the Hestia Women's Giving Circle, a group that strives to educate its members and the general public about community needs and encourages women and girls to engage in active philanthropy.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan has provided mentors to children in need throughout the Charlevoix and Emmet County region for over 40 years. Serving over 110 children annually, BIGS vision is that all children achieve success in life. "Children having the tools they need to graduate high school and successfully transition to post-secondary school or a successful career is vitally important to us," says Gary Swaney, Program Director. Currently there is a need for mentors in the local region. Anyone interested in becoming a Big may call 231-313-7323, or visit [www.bigsupnorth.com](http://www.bigsupnorth.com) for further information.

For more information about Next Step College Planning please visit <http://www.nextstepccp.com/>.

More information about Hestia Women's Giving Circle can be found by visiting the Charlevoix Area Community Foundation Website at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org)

\* This event is not sponsored by NCMC.

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